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NOTIFICATION

No. **IQAB/IQA-REQ/STAT/2026-27/05**.—In exercise of the sovereign statutory powers conferred by Section 8 read with sub-section (3) of Section 15 and Section 24 of the International Quality and Accreditation Board Charter Act, 2018 (Act No. 4 of 2018) and the Transnational Institutional Quality Assurance and Accreditation Standards Regulations framed thereunder, the International Quality and Accreditation Board (IQAB), pursuant to the unanimous resolution of the Supreme Governing Council and Directorate of Quality Compliance, hereby formally enacts, issues, and notifies the mandatory Notification on Institutional Quality Assurance and Accreditation Requirements for all recognized Universities, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Autonomous Colleges, and Specialized Professional Academies, encompassing its following ten constituent statutory quality wings and evaluation directorates, namely:—

- (1) **Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Governance & Statutory Compliance Directorate;**
- (2) **Outcome-Based Education (OBE), Competency Mapping & Curriculum Agility Senate;**
- (3) **Faculty Research Vitality, Scholarly Output & Academic Integrity Oversight Bureau;**
- (4) **Digital Learning Fidelity, LMS Architecture & Enterprise AI Pedagogical Governance Directorate;**
- (5) **Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA) & Cross-Border Articulation Bureau;**
- (6) **Healthcare, Medical & Clinical Sciences Quality Assurance Directorate;**
- (7) **Engineering, Applied Sciences & Washington/Sydney Accord Harmonization Bureau;**
- (8) **Institutional ESG, Campus Decarbonization & Green Governance Quality Directorate;**
- (9) **Student Success Analytics, Cross-Border Credit Portability & Grievance Redressal Tribunal;**
- (10) **Supreme Council of Accreditation Signatories, Digital Registry & Gazette Directorate.**

As the sovereign statutory mandate establishing baseline institutional quality criteria, audit protocols, and accreditation benchmarks for all constituent and candidate institutions with immediate effect.

1. Mandatory Institutional Quality Assurance & Accreditation Requirements

All universities, autonomous degree-granting institutes, and specialized academies seeking initial accreditation, grade elevation, or periodic renewal under the IQAB regulatory umbrella shall strictly fulfill the following mandatory statutory covenants, quality benchmarks, and governance requirements, namely:—

- (1) Mandatory Constitution of Autonomous IQAC:— That every institution shall establish a fully operational Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) chaired by the Vice-Chancellor/Rector and directed by a dedicated Executive Dean of Quality, equipped with full administrative autonomy and an annual quality enhancement budget on or before Thursday, 30th April, 2026;**
- (2) 100% Transition to Outcome-Based Competency Frameworks:— That all undergraduate, postgraduate, and professional diploma programs shall map Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) and Program Educational Objectives (PEOs) to verifiable industry competency rubrics, ensuring demonstrable graduate employability on or before Friday, 15th May, 2026;**
- (3) Institutional Continuous Quality Enhancement (CQE) Bylaws:— That participating institutions shall formally enact institutional statutory bylaws on or before Tuesday, 30th June, 2026 to:**
 - (i) synchronize student academic transcripts, degree credentials, and modular micro-certifications with the IQAB Global Verifiable Digital Blockchain Registry for instantaneous cross-border verification;**
 - (ii) mandate annual faculty continuing professional development (minimum 40 verifiable hours per faculty member in pedagogical innovation, domain research, and AI-enabled instructional design);**
 - (iii) adopt and enforce the IQAB Ethical AI Policy governing generative AI tools in coursework, examinations, and research;**
 - (iv) maintain minimum prescribed faculty-to-student ratios, transparent grievance redressal mechanisms, and comprehensive student mental health support infrastructures;**
 - (v) submit to annual dynamic surveillance audits and unhindered on-site/hybrid inspections by certified IQAB International Peer Assessors.**

2. Compliance Verification, Global Registry Indexing & Legal Authority

- (1) Binding Legal Authority of IQAB Quality Ratings:— Institutional accreditation tiers, program ratings, and qualification equivalencies granted under these requirements shall carry full statutory authority under international quality conventions and entitle accredited institutions to reciprocal credit recognition across all MLA signatory states.**

(2) Sanctions for Non-Compliance or Dilution:— Any accredited entity failing to submit annual CQE monitoring dossiers, diluting prescribed academic standards, or misrepresenting faculty credentials shall be subject to immediate provisional downgrading, suspension of verification privileges, and formal citation on the IQAB Public Notice Board.

Schedule

Mandatory Phased Timelines & Statutory Compliance Milestones for Institutional Quality Assurance Requirements (2026–2027)

The following Key Quality Milestones Schedule and Mandatory Target Dates (all strictly scheduled on official working days) shall be legally binding upon all affiliated universities, autonomous colleges, and applicant academies:—

Item No.	Harmonization Milestone & Statutory Treaty Deliverable	Mandatory Target Date	Responsible Authority
IQA-01	Promulgation of Official Notification on Institutional QA & Accreditation Requirements	18 Mar 2026 (Wed)	Directorate of Quality Standards, IQAB
IQA-02	Submission of IQAC Statutory Charters & Quality Officer Delegation Filings	30 Apr 2026 (Thu)	Member Universities & Autonomous Academies
IQA-03	Submission of Outcome-Based Curricula Mapping & Competency Rubric Dossiers	15 May 2026 (Fri)	Academic Councils & Faculty Deans
IQA-04	Integration of Student Transcript Systems with IQAB Verifiable Digital Registry	30 Jun 2026 (Tue)	Bureau of Digital Credentialing & IT Nodes
IQA-05	Mid-Year Statutory Compliance Review & Faculty Development Portfolio Audit	15 Jul 2026 (Wed)	Board of Academic & Research Vitality
IQA-06	On-Site & Virtual Multi-Jurisdictional Peer Review Audits by Board of Assessors	15 Sep 2026 (Tue)	IQAB International Board of Assessors
IQA-07	Publication of 2026–2027 Institutional Quality Compliance & Accreditation Roll	30 Oct 2026 (Fri)	Standing Committee on Institutional Ratings
IQA-08	Execution of Multilateral Articulation Accords for Fully Compliant Institutions	26 Nov 2026 (Thu)	Plenipotentiary Signatories & Treaty Wing
IQA-09	Annual Quality Enhancement (AQE) Progress Review & Stakeholder Report Filing	15 Dec 2026 (Tue)	Institutional IQAC & Governing Bodies

IQA-10	Gazette Promulgation of Ratified Institutional Accreditation Register & Accords	15 Jan 2027 (Fri)	IQAB Gazette & Supreme Secretariat
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Regards,



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